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December 27, 2022

By ECF

Hon. Paul G. Gardephe
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square, Room 2204
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Lawrence Billimek, Case No. 22 Cr. 675 (PGG)

Dear Judge Gardephe:

On behalf of our client Lawrence Billimek, we respectfully request that Mr. Billimek be permitted to appear electronically or telephonically at the initial pre-trial conference with the Court, which is currently scheduled to take place on January 4, 2023.

Mr. Billimek resides in Idaho and recently appeared in person before Magistrate Judge Gorenstein for presentment and arraignment on December 21, 2022. Mr. Billimek was released on his own signature with a \$50,000 recognizance bond, to be cosigned by one financially responsible person by January 4, 2023. In light of the hardship and expense of traveling from Idaho to New York again in such short order, Mr. Billimek respectfully requests that the Court allow him to appear electronically or telephonically at the next conference.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

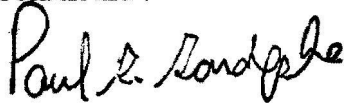
/s/ Telemachus P. Kasulis
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cc: Counsel of record (by ECF)

MEMO ENDORSED: The conference scheduled for January 4, 2023 will take place telephonically. The parties are directed to dial 888-363-4749 to participate, and to enter the access code 6212642. The press and public may obtain access to the telephone conference by dialing the same number and using the same access code. The Court is holding multiple telephone conferences on this date. The parties should call in at the scheduled time and wait on the line for their case to be called. At that time, the Court will un-mute the parties' lines. Two days before the conference, the parties must email Michael_Ruocco@nysd.uscourts.gov and GardepheNYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov with the phone numbers that the parties will be using to dial into the conference so that the Court knows which numbers to un-mute. The email should include the case name and case number in the subject line.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul G. Gardephe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Paul" is written in a larger, more prominent script, followed by "G." and "Gardephe". The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Paul G. Gardephe
United States District Judge
Date: December 28, 2022